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# A PROCLAMATION,

*Indicting a Solemn and Publick Thanksgiving throughout the Kingdom of Scotland, to be kept upon the ninth of September next, for his Majesties safe Delivery from the late Phanatical Conspiracy against his Majesty, his Royal Highness and Government.*

**C** **HARLES** by the Grace of God, King of Great Britain, France and Ireland, Defender of the Faith, To Our Lyon King at Arms and his Brethren Heralds, Macers, Pursevents, and Messengers at Arms, Our Sheriffs in that part, conjunctly and severally, specially constitute, Greeting; To all and sundry Our good Subjects Greeting; Forasmuch as Almighty God in his great Mercy, and by His wonderful Providence, hath brought to Light, Defeated and Confounded a most Un-natural, Traitorous and Diabolical Conspiracy, contrived and carried on by Persons of Phanatical, Atheistical and Republican Principles, for taking away of Our Sacred Life, and the Life of Our Dearest Brother *James Duke of Albany*, Subverting of Our Government, and Involving these Kingdoms in bloud, Confusion and Miseries; Concerning which Treasonable Conspiracy, We have Emitted Our Royal Declaration to all Our loving Subjects, at Our Court at *Whitehall*, the 28th. of *July* last, in this 35th. Year of Our Reign, which We have Ordered to be Re-printed here. And We being deeply sensible of the humble and grateful Praises and Adoration, We owe to the Divine Majesty, for this great and signal Instance of His watchful Care over Us, whom He hath so long Preserved, and so often Dilivered by Miracles Have out of Our Religious Disposition, readily approved of an humble Motion made to Us for commanding an Solemn and General Thanksgiving, to be religiously Observed throughout this whole Kingdom, to Offer up devout Praises and Thanksgiving to Almighty God, for this eminent and miraculous Deliverance granted to Us, and in Us to all Our Loyal and dutiful Subjects; as also, fervently to pray that God may continue His gracious Care over Us, and His Mercies to these Kingdoms, and more and more bring to Light, Defeat and Confound all Traitorous Conspiracies, Associations and Machinations against Us, Our Dearest Brother and Government; We with Advice of Our Privy Council, have therefore thought fit by this Our Royal Proclamation, to Indict a General and Solemn Thanksgiving, to be Observed throughout this Kingdom, that all Our loving Subjects may offer their devout Praises and Gratulations, and their fervent Prayers and Supplications to Almighty God for the Purposes foresaid; And We strictly Command and Charge, that the said Solemn Thanksgiving be religiously and devoutly Performed by all Our Subjects and People within this Our Kingdom, upon the Ninth of *September* next And to the end this part of Divine Worship so pious and necessary, may be uniformly and at the same time offered by all Our loving and Loyal Subjects; We thereby Require the Reverend Arch-Bishops and Bishops to give notice hereof to the Ministers in their respective Diocesses, that upon the Lords Day immediately preceeding the said 9th. day of *September* next as also upon the said 9th. of *September* they cause Read and Intimate this Our Royal Proclamation from the Pulpit in every Paroch Church, together with Our foresaid Declaration, Dated at Our Court at *Whitehall* as said is, and that they exhort all Our Subjects to a serious and devout Performance of the said Prayers, Praises and Thanksgiving, as they tender the Favour of Almighty God, and the Safety and Preservation of Our Sacred Life and Government; Certifying all such as shall contemn or neglect this so religious and important a Duty, they shall be proceeded against, and punished as Contemners of Our Authority, and as Persons highly Disaffected to Our Person and Government. And ordains these Presents to be Printed

*Given under Our Signet at Haly-rud-house, the seventh day of August, One thousand six hundred eighty and three. And of Our Reign, the thirtieth and fifth Year.*

*Per aſſum Dominorum Secreti Concilij.*

*WILL. PATERSON. Cls. Sti. Concilij.*

**On Wednesday the 8th Instant the above mentioned Proclamation was Proclaimed in manner following at *Edinburgh*.**

1. **T**He Ordinarie City Officers Two and Two, with Halberts bareheaded. 2. Two City Trumpets in Liveris, sounding barheaded. 3. Two Persons bearing the Sword and Mace barheaded. 4. The Lord *Pronost*. 5. The City Baliffs (or Sheriffs) and whole Council Two and Two in their Robes Gowns and other formalities. 6. The 4 Macers of the Session with their Gowns and Maces. 7. Two Macers of his Majesties Privy Council. 8. Four Trumpets in his Majesties Liverie sounding. 9. The Pursuivants and Heralds with the Lyon Depute in their Coats displayed. 10. The Clerks of the Council walking Two and Two in which Order they Proceeded from the Town Council-house, to the Mercat Cross, where a Stage was erected for them and Guarded by the Town Company all in yellow Coats lined with Black.

The Lyon Depute Heralds Pursuivants, Macers Clerks and Trumpets ascended the Cross, which was Richly covered with Tapistrie, where the Proclamation was Read by Sir *William Paterson*, one of the Clerks of the Council and by the Lyon Depute Proclaimed, all Persons whatever being uncovered, and when Eaded the Guns from the Castle were discharged and the Auditors with Repeated Shouts Cried out.

**GOD save the KING**